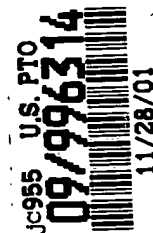


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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified patent application as follows: